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INFO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

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1. WE ARE PLEASED TO SEE THAT AMEMBASSY KINSHASA HAS SUCH A CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FRG EMBASSY THERE. THIS CANNOT HELP BUT CONTRIBUTE TO A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE SITUATION IN THE CONGO AND COULD, IF NEED BE, PROVIDE AN EMERGENCY CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE U.S. AND BRAZZAVILLE.
2. NEVERTHELESS, WE BELIEVE IT ESSENTIAL THAT THE CHANNEL FOR OFFICIAL MESSAGES AND GUIDANCE ESTABLISHED FROM THE FRG EMBASSY IN BRAZZAVILLE THROUGH THE FOREIGN OFFICE IN BONN BE RESPECTED. THIS BELIEF IS NOT BASED ON PROVINCIALISM ON OUR PART BUT RATHER ON THE DEMONSTRATED DETERMINATION OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE TO HANDLE CONTACTS BETWEEN THE USG AND THE FRG EMBASSIES IN BRAZZAVILLE AND KAMPALA IN THIS WAY. IT SEEMS WISE TO US NOT EVEN TO APPEAR TO BE BY-PASSING THE FOREIGN OFFICE.
3. WE WILL, OF COURSE, CONTINUE TO KEEP AMEMBASSY KINSHASA INFORMED ON ALL MATTERS OF POTENTIAL

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